

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes

of

THE 1469th REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN THE CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON APRIL 1, 2008 BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

WAYNE RIDDLE  
CHARLES GARRISON  
THANE HARRISON  
CHRIS RICHEY  
BLAKE BARNES  
BECKIE STOCKSTILL-COBB  
DEAN LAWThER

MAYOR  
COUNCILMAN  
COUNCILMAN  
COUNCILMAN  
COUNCILMAN  
COUNCILWOMAN  
COUNCILMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

RONALD V. CRABTREE  
SANDRA WATKINS  
GARY JACKSON  
JIM FOX

CITY MANAGER  
CITY SECRETARY  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER  
CITY ATTORNEY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND RECESSED - Mayor Riddle called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and recessed the regular meeting to reconvene the workshop.
2. MEETING RECONVENED - Mayor Riddle reconvened the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.
3. INVOCATION - The invocation was given by Councilman Richey.
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag.
5. AWARDING BID – CITY SERVICE CENTER DETENTION AND DRAINAGE PROJECT  
Motion was made by Councilman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Harrison to award the bid for the City Service Center Detention and Drainage Project to Angel Brothers, low bidder, in the amount of \$181,334.50. Motion carried 7 to 0.
6. CONSENT CALENDAR - Motion was made by Councilman Lawther and seconded by Councilman Barnes to approve the consent calendar as follows:
  - a. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on March 18, 2008.
  - b. Approval of minutes of special meeting on March 25, 2008.
  - c. Approval of change order for above ground fuel tank for Fire Station #3.

- d. Approval of change order for the Battleground Golf Course Parking Lot.
- e. Authorization to seek bids for the landscaping for Fire Station #3.
- f. Authorization to seek bids for sanitary sewer services to north side of X Street.
- g. Authorization to seek bids for LED emergency signs.
- h. Approval of a tax refund to Schwan's Global Supply in the amount of \$5,434.78 due to a reduction in taxable value.
- i. Approval of a tax refund to Old Republic National Title in the amount of \$4,331.63 due to a reduction in taxable value.
- j. Approval of a tax refund to ASB, Inc. in the amount of \$509.32 due to a reduction in taxable value.
- k. Approval of expenses for Mayor to attend U. S. Conference of Mayors in Miami, Florida in June.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- a. Andrea Pressley, 1129 P Street, Deer Park, Texas 77536, commented, "Good evening Council. I read on the city's website that you are thinking about striping some streets into four lanes. I am neither here nor there on striping P Street, Luella, and Georgia into four lanes, unless you plan to make it no parking in the front of the homes that face these streets. If that is the case, then I am against this proposal. I want you to know that the striping on East Boulevard and 13th Street are so faded that you can hardly see the stripes anymore. I believe that 13th Street is four lanes, but it is hard to tell if it is or not. I did not see X Street mentioned, and I feel like it should be striped four lanes as well if P Street gets striped.

I am here tonight to give you an update on the speeding traffic on P Street. May I remind you that I live on P Street with my front yard facing P Street. While the majority of drivers respond to the twenty miles per hour school zone, most do not respond to the thirty miles per hour zone after school is over. It still makes no sense to me to let people drive forty for approximately an eighth of a mile coming from East Boulevard, then expect drivers to lower their speed limit to thirty. It is thirty miles per hour in front of my home, but not many people drive thirty. You can see how unsafe this is for children and adults who live on our street. Make our street safe, and make it thirty all the way through. You all have an obligation to the citizens of Deer Park, and safety is one of them. The painting of thirty miles per hour on the street was greatly appreciated, but I do not believe it is working very well. I have driven thirty all the way through, and I promise I did not cause a traffic jam. One more thing to consider. Luella is a much longer street, and has more traffic, and it is thirty miles per hour all the way through. What is the difference? I really do not understand the logic on the conflicting P Street speed limits. I know that San Augustine and 13th Street would have to change too, but it would be a good thing for those streets as well. I added here that a STEP survey will be done for P Street in October of this year, and I will update you again at that time. Also, I wish you would consider lowering the speed

limit to forty miles per hour on East Boulevard. There have been many accidents on this street and at least one fatality. I hate to compare cities here, but Pasadena is a large city, and I don't think they have a speed limit of fifty miles per hour on any of their streets.

I was here at the last Council meeting, and saw the proposed landscaping for the new fire station. The picture looked like there was going to be lots of bushes and trees running around the entire corner of East Boulevard and X Street. I am not against landscaping the property, however I hope you all really think about what you plant there if this item gets approved. Please consider the possible visual obstruction that paramedics and fire fighters may have to contend with when pulling out of the parking lot in an emergency. In my opinion, whatever you plant there should, at maximum height, be no taller than the bottom of the driver's window on the ambulances. It should be your desire to have them exit the parking lot as quickly and safely as possible.

I do have one more thing. I am part of the neighborhood watch group in my neighborhood. I received an e-mail that the State of Texas is thinking about moving the National Night Out to October. For some reason, Deer Park wants to keep it in August. I was just going to voice my opinion on that. I would love for it to be in October as well. I think a lot of people are still on vacations in August, and it would be a lot cooler out if we did it in October. Thank you."

Mayor Riddle commented, "We appreciate your comments, and we will take them under consideration."

8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH KLOTZ & ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO CONDUCT A DRAINAGE STUDY - Motion was made by Councilman Lawther and seconded by Councilman Barnes to amend the agreement with Klotz & Associates for engineering services to conduct a drainage study. Motion carried 7 to 0.
9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE UPGRADING TO DIGITAL CAPABILITY RADIOS TO BE RECEIVED BY GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FROM THE NEXTEL REBANDING PROGRAM - Motion was made by Councilman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Harrison to authorize the upgrading to digital capability radios to be received by General Government Departments from the Nextel Rebanding Program. Motion carried 7 to 0.
10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE HEARING CONCERNING THE BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR PREMISE LOCATED AT 2105 KINGS DALE; FINDING AND DECLARING THAT SUCH BUILDING, STRUCTURE, PREMISE IS SUBSTANDARD AND A NUISANCE; AND MAKING CERTAIN ORDERS TO OWNERS OF SAID BUILDING - Motion was made by Councilman Lawther and seconded by Councilman Barnes to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3197, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF FINDINGS FROM THE HEARING CONCERNING THE BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES OR PREMISES LOCATED AT 2105 KINGS DALE; FINDING AND DECLARING THAT SUCH BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND PREMISES ARE SUBSTANDARD AND A NUISANCE; MAKING CERTAIN ORDERS TO OWNERS OF SAID BUILDINGS, PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF PROPERTY FROM SAN JACINTO BAPTIST CHURCH FOR A STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY - Motion was by Councilman Lawther and seconded by Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3198, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION FROM SAN JACINTO BAPTIST CHURCH TO THE CITY OF DEER PARK OF A FIFTEEN FOOT (15') UTILITY EASEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with Councilman Richey abstaining due to personal interest.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Riddle adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Sandra Watkins, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

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Wayne Riddle  
Mayor